

**Diocese of Peterborough
Office for Vocations, Evangelization and Youth (VEYO)**

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Vocations:

- There is another 'Come and see' weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary February 4th-6th. As you know, 'Come and See' is for those interested in the priesthood and can give them an inside look into seminary life, its community of students and staff, its daily schedule and routine, liturgy and study program. It offers a rare opportunity to talk to seminarians and professors about the priesthood, ask questions and get some answers in a setting which is welcoming, fraternal and prayerful. There is time for personal prayer and reflection as well as for social interaction with the seminary community. It can be of great value for those discerning a vocation. If you have anybody interested in your parishes, please let me know as soon as possible!
- On a regular basis, people are calling in to ask about the priesthood or the permanent diaconate. It shows there are still vocations out there. Reason enough to continue to use the promotional material for vocations distributed at our study day back in September. It's obviously working! If you need more material, let me know.
- The resource manual devised by the volunteers at the Vocation Office is still at the printers, but due to come out shortly. Once it does it will be sent to all the parishes for use in your parish and schools.
- Also, we are still thinking of starting a Vocation Week in each parish as soon as the manual comes in.

Evangelization:

- Due to the positive response to the Day of Renewal this past Nov. 20th, the Evangelization Office has been hoping to have another day more or less like the first one sometime in May. If you have any suggestion as to date, place, topic, outline etc., please call the Office.
- The power point presentation on the Mass from the first Day of Renewal will be taken on the road shortly. If you wish to have it in your parish at some point, please let me know. The young people are ready to come.

Youth:

- Please publish in your bulletin: Next WYD meetings!
Peterborough area: at St. Paul's Church in Lakefield, Friday Jan. 28th at 7 pm
Southern part: at St. Michael's Church in Cobourg, Saturday Jan. 29th at 10 am

Northern part: at St. Mary's Church in Huntsville, Sunday Jan. 30th at 2 pm

- The Youth Cross is now in the northern deanery thanks to Fr. Bill's initiative. It will hopefully encourage parishioners to reach out to our young people in whatever way possible and our young people to draw closer to the Church and its community.
- The workshop for youth leaders from around the Diocese, originally scheduled for January 15th, was moved to Saturday February 26th. All youth leaders and youth contacts from the parishes will be contacted personally and invited to gather in Peterborough for a day of reflection and study on youth ministry in the Diocese. Please let your youth leaders know.
- The youth Office is hoping to organize a trip to Montreal for 4 days over the March break starting March 11th for no more than \$250 all inclusive. If you have any youth interested, please contact the Office.
- The Office is presently planning a Good Friday event for all youth and young adults of the Diocese. It will take place here in Peterborough and involve an outdoor Way of the Cross modeled on the one at WYD Toronto.
- The Diocesan Youth Newsletter is coming out this week and should be in your parishes by the end of the week. If you have anybody, especially youth who wishes to contribute, please contact the Office.
- Last, not least: If you know of anyone still interested in any of the two trips of the Diocese to World Youth Day in August, there are still a few seats available: so far 66 are registered for the trip 1 and 39 for trip 2.